

May 2, 1991

LB 813
LR 75

resolution offered by Senator Beyer.

SPEAKER BAACK: LR 75 is adopted. We will now proceed to Item 6 on the agenda, General File, LB 813 introduced by Senator Beutler.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 813 was a bill introduced by Senator Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee. (See AM0749 as referred to on page 1114 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Wasn't quite prepared to do this, but I looked at the bill and refreshed my memory on it now and I'd like to state first that the committee amendments will become the bill and, folks, we think this is a real good bill as a matter of fact. It addresses some of the problems, potential problems, in trying to avoid the problems on the front end of siting landfills. We've had quite a bit of experience in controversial sitings in this body and this is an attempt to bring forth the information and inform the public on the front end of the process so we can avoid problems that we have experienced in other areas. It's a very open and honest process. Lets people come in, again, early on, ask the questions, get the answers, become comfortable with the process and go on because a lot of people can stand up and say they can live without nuclear waste but I don't know of anyone in this state that can stand up and say they can live without waste. So we've got to have a place to put that and it's going to be...there will be a lot of sitings to come in the near future and this is something I think is a very positive step. Now the bill...the committee amendments, which again become bill, list out a laundry list of things you must do to notify and allow for public input. Prior to submitting an application to the Department of Environmental Control for a solid waste disposal area or solid waste processing facility, the applicant must submit a request for siting approval to the city council, village board, county board, et cetera, whoever would be deemed responsible and the city council or board, county board, village board shall approve or disapprove the site for each solid waste disposal area or solid waste processing facility. The applicant must submit information to the boards